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Statement by Governor Jan Brewer

Federal Court Denies Motion to Enjoin Heart of SB 1070; Law to Take Effect Shortly

"Today, Arizona is one big step closer to implementing the core provision of SB 1070. I applaud the federal court for siding with the U.S. Supreme Court in refusing to block the most critical section of this law, which will empower state and local law enforcement, as part of a legal stop or detention, to inquire about an individual's immigration status when the officer has reasonable suspicion. With this provision, Arizona makes a clear statement that it will not tolerate sanctuary city policies, and will now have thousands of additional officers to collaborate with the federal government as state and local law enforcement do what they always have: enforce the law.

"After more than two years of legal challenges, it is time that Section 2(B) of SB 1070 take effect. Given today's ruling, along with the federal court's suggestion that it intends in the very near future to formally lift the existing injunction, it is clear the day of implementation is fast approaching.

"As I have said consistently, it is not enough that this law be enforced. It must be enforced efficiently, effectively and in harmony with the Constitution and civil rights. I have no doubt Arizona's law enforcement officers are up for the task ahead."

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